

Small things like if someone comes into a welfare department, a young lady, and says that her husband no longer lives with her and she is drawing ADC, the county commissioners or the supervisors in all localities they nearly know everyone and they know that it is certainly not so. The man is coming home and living with them. It is more or less a watchdog over the funds. Every county commissioner and supervisors know that the more money that they can get into their county, the more money they are going to have indirectly because it is being spent five or six more times but we do like to control the fraud and I truly believe and I know that if we let this program be completely administered by the state government we will lose control in our counties and we'll have so much fraud. As I told Senator Johnson last week when this bill first came up, we have a \$213 million being administered by welfare programs in the State of Nebraska now. If you just take one out of twenty persons who want to put fraud into it, that is 5% of \$200 million, is \$10 million and that is a terrific amount of money and losing control entirely by our counties and although they say we have no control, we have control of our welfare director and there again we can control the welfare in our counties. I wish to oppose the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Johnson, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Just a quick closing again because we only have a half an hour's worth of debate on this bill. I would ask that the amendment be advanced irrespective of your feelings about the bill because once it is on then the bill is a very clean bill and it can be discussed. But the amendment simply says that come July 1st, 1983, the State of Nebraska assumes all financial responsibility for the welfare programs. It would then control in toto by virtue of the passage of LB 522.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Johnson amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The Johnson amendment is adopted. Senator Johnson, on the bill.